

REMARKS

On March 7, 2008 the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered a decision in the subject patent application that reversed the prior rejection of claims 6, 11, 14 and 19. Therefore, those claims are patentable.

In response, Applicants are amending claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 6, thereby placing claims 1-5, 7 and 8 in a condition for allowance.

Claim 11 in effect is being rewritten in independent form by incorporating the subject matter of base claim 1 and intervening dependent claim 9. Claim 10 now depends from new independent claim 11.

Claim 12 now incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 14, thereby placing claims 12, 13 and 15-17 in a condition for allowance.

Independent claim 18 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 19, which renders claims 18 and 20-22 patentable.

In view of these amendments, allowance of the present application is requested.

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